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E-Legislative Update

March 28 – April 3, 2011



We are in the twelfth week of the legislative session. You can <u>contact your legislator</u> making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an email, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development

as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our elegislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a bill tracking feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on TVW's Legislative Review.

You may also access our <u>policy briefing papers</u> which examine issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Ways & Means 3/30/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee House Hearing Rm A John L. O'Brien Building Olympia, WA

Possible Executive Session:

1. SHB 1449 - Establishing a processing fee for educator certificates.

2. SB 5304 - Requiring forecasting of caseloads of the state need grant program and the Washington college bound scholarship program.

Health and Human Services

Ways & Means 3/30/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee House Hearing Rm A John L. O'Brien Building Olympia, WA

Possible Executive Session:

1. SHB 1741 - Regarding temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

Information is current as of: March 28, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit http://www.leg.wa.gov.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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